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**Causes of Blindness.**  
[Arkansaw Traveler.]

The author of a prize essay on blindness and its prevention, states that short-sightedness, which is increasing so alarmingly among reading people, is the cause of 10 per cent. of all cases of blindness of one eye, and that the immoderate use of tobacco gives rise to partial blindness.

**MONTREAL, Nov. 3.**—Customs officers here are said to have unearthed another fraud upon the revenues of the country. According to statements, four or five leading wholesale liquor and wine firms have been secretly withdrawing liquor from casks in bonded warehouses for some years past. One firm, it is alleged, has swindled the government out of \$75,000.

The ceremonies attending the inaugural were plain and simple.

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**In Boston Harbor.**

Boston, Nov. 3.—The severest storm of this year in Boston harbor has been raging. Several vessels at anchor were slightly in-

**SMITH'S KIDNEY TONIC--TRY IT.**

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